

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print medium to be supplied to a printing apparatus, wherein the printing apparatus has a feeding means for feeding the print medium accommodated in a predetermined accommodating portion to a transporting passage facing a predetermined printing means and transports the print medium fed by the feeding means along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium, the print medium comprising:

a print area on which to print a desired image; and

a discard area provided separably in at least a front end portion of the print medium;

wherein a width of the discard area provided in at least a front end portion is set larger than a distance from a front end of the accommodating portion to the feeding means.

2. A print medium to be applied to a printing apparatus, wherein the printing apparatus has a transport means for transporting the print medium along a transporting passage facing a printing means and a discharge means arranged downstream of the transport means, and at least one of the transport means and the discharge means transports the print

medium along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium, the print medium comprising:

a print area on which to print a desired image;

5 and

a discard area provided separably in at least a front end portion of the print medium;

wherein a width of the discard area provided in at least of the front end portion is set larger than a distance from a most downstream position printed by the printing means to the discharge means.

3. A print medium to be applied to a printing apparatus, wherein the printing apparatus has a transport means for transporting the print medium along a transporting passage facing a printing means and a discharge means arranged downstream of the transport means, and at least one of the transport means and the discharge means transports the print medium along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium, the print medium comprising:

a print area on which to print a desired image;

and

a discard area provided separably in at least a rear end portion of the print medium;

wherein a width of the discard area provided in

at least of the rear end portion of the print media is set larger than a distance from a most upstream position printed by the printing means to the transport means.

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4. A print medium to be applied to a printing apparatus, wherein the printing apparatus has a feeding means for feeding the print medium accommodated in a predetermined accommodating portion to a transporting passage facing a predetermined printing means, a transport means for transporting the print medium along a transporting passage and a discharge means arranged downstream of the transport means, and wherein after the print medium has been fed to the transporting passage, at least one of the transport means and the discharge means transports the print medium along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium, the print medium comprising:

20 a print area on which to print a desired image;  
and

a discard area separably provided in at least a front end portion and a rear end portion of the print medium;

25 wherein a width of the discard area provided in the front end portion of the print medium is set larger than a distance from a front end of the

accommodating portion to the feeding means or a distance from a most downstream position printed by the printing means to the discharge means, whichever is a greater distance;

5            wherein a width of the discard area provided in the rear end portion of the print medium is set larger than a distance from a most upstream position printed by the printing means to the transport means.

10        5.    A print medium according to claim 1, wherein the print medium has a plurality of print areas and the widths of the discard areas in the front and rear end portions of the print medium are set larger than that of a discard area between the print areas.

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20        6.    A print medium according to claim 1, wherein widths of discard areas in left and right end portions of the print medium are set larger than a length in the transport direction of the discard area between the print areas.

25        7.    A print medium according to claim 1, wherein the print medium has a plurality of print areas and separable discard areas before and after each print area, a discard area in a front end portion of the print medium and a discard area in a rear end portion of the print medium are set equal in width, and a

discard area in a left end portion of the print medium and a discard area in a right end portion of the print medium are set equal in width.

5 8. A printing apparatus comprising:

an accommodating portion for accommodating a print medium, the print medium having a print area on which to print an image and a separable discard area in at least one of a front end portion and a rear end portion hereof; and

a feeding means for feeding the print medium accommodated in the accommodating portion to a transporting passage facing a predetermined printing means;

15 wherein the print medium fed by the feeding means is transported along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium;

wherein the accommodating portion has a dimensional setting such that a distance from a front end of the accommodating portion to the feeding means is set smaller than a width of the discard area in the front end portion of the print medium.

9. A printing apparatus comprising:

25 a transport means for transporting a print medium along a transporting passage facing a printing means, the print medium having a print area on which to print

an image and a discard area separably provided in at least one of a front end portion and a rear end portion thereof; and

5 a discharge means arranged downstream of the transport means;

wherein at least one of the transport means and the discharge means transports the print medium along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium;

10 wherein a distance from a most downstream position printed by the printing means to the discharge means is set smaller than a width of the discard area provided in the front end portion of the print medium.

15 10. A printing apparatus comprising:

a transport means for transporting a print medium along a transporting passage facing a printing means, the print medium having a print area on which to print  
20 an image and a discard area separably provided in at least one of a front end portion and a rear end portion thereof; and

a discharge means arranged downstream of the transport means;

25 wherein at least one of the transport means and the discharge means transports the print medium along the transporting passage so that the printing means

can print on the print medium;

wherein a distance from a most upstream position printed by the printing means to the transport means is set smaller than a width of the discard area  
5 provided in the rear end portion of the print medium.

11. A printing apparatus comprising:

10 a feeding means for feeding a print medium to a transporting passage facing a predetermined printing means, the print medium having a print area on which to print an image and a discard area separably provided in at least one of a front end portion and a rear end portion thereof;

15 a transport means for transporting the print medium along the transporting passage; and

a discharge means arranged downstream of the transport means;

20 wherein after the print medium accommodated in a predetermined accommodating portion has been fed to the transporting passage, at least one of the transport means and the discharge means transports the print medium along the transporting passage so that the printing means can print on the print medium;

25 wherein the print medium has a print area on which to print a desired image and a discard area separably provided in at least a front end portion and a rear end portion thereof;

wherein a distance from a most downstream  
position printed by the printing means to the  
discharge means or a distance from a most upstream  
position printed by the printing means to the  
5 transport means, whichever is a greater distance, is  
set smaller than a width of the discard area provided  
in the front end portion of the print medium, and a  
distance from a most upstream position printed by the  
printing means to the transport means is set smaller  
10 than a width of the discard area provided in the rear  
end portion of the print medium.